

LET THE CITY ECONOMIZE, SAYS SPEAKER E. P. COX

Segregation Plan Adopted by State
Not Responsible for Proposed
Tax Increase.

RATE TO BE RAISED TO \$1.05

Cox Objects to Effort to Make It Appear
That Increase in Richmond
Is Due to Recent State Legis-
lation.

Whatever measures the City Council
may take toward increasing taxes on
real estate and personal property in
Richmond, the new partial segregation
system of taxation cannot fairly and
honestly be put forward as a pretext
for boosting the city tax rate.

Speaker Edwin P. Cox, of the House
of Delegates, so declared yesterday
afternoon when his attention was di-
rected to adverse comments on the new
system of taxation since the increase
in the local tax rate was proposed.

"I will say positively," said the
speaker, "that no necessity can be
found for increasing the city tax rate
because of the new system adopted by
the General Assembly. I do not know
that any of the Councilmen advocating
the increase in local taxes believe or
contend that the higher tax is made
necessary by the shifting of subjects
of taxation from city to State under
the segregation plan. I prefer to be-
lieve that the Council members know
better; that they are more familiar with
the new system than to be misled
themselves or to mislead any one else.
DOES NOT BELIEVE.

INCREASE NECESSARY
"If the local tax rate is boosted by
the City Council certainly no con-
nection whatever, in the relation of
cause and effect, can be shown as a
reason for higher taxes. I do not
believe the proposed increase is neces-
sary. Let the city government econo-
mize."

The ordinance now pending in Coun-
cil, which is responsible for the grow-
ing impression on the public mind that
the new scheme of taxation has forced
the municipal body to exact higher
taxes, provides for an increase from
\$1.75 on the \$100 of real estate and
personal property values to \$1.95.

The rate now paid in Richmond and
other localities is \$1.75. Of this amount
\$1.40 is for local taxes and 35 cents
for the State. The segregation law
abolishes the State tax on real estate
and personal property. It is now pro-
posed to add this former State tax of
35 cents to the local tax, bringing it
back to \$1.75. But in addition the
Finance Committee recommends a 10-
cent levy for general street improve-
ments, a total of \$1.85. The State,
under the segregation system, imposes
a 10-cent levy for school purposes,
making the grand total \$1.95.

By way of a detailed explanation for
his reputation of the theory that the
segregation system, which he sup-
ported during the sessions of the Leg-
islature, can be used as a pretext for
increasing local taxes, Speaker Cox
dictated the following:

"The public should understand that
the effort now being made to increase
the tax rate of this city cannot be jus-
tified by the plea that this step is
rendered necessary by the segregation
system recently adopted by the Gen-

SAYS CITY SHOULD ECONOMIZE



SPEAKER EDWIN P. COX,
of the House of Delegates.

eral Assembly. An examination of the
figures will show that the new system
of taxation has no connection with such
increase, and that the city and the
individual citizen has been benefited.

"The people of the city of Richmond
paid in 1914 on an assessed value of
real estate and tangible personal prop-
erty of \$101,550,018, to the State, taxes,
at the rate of 35 cents per \$100,
amounting to \$35,542.50, and to the city,
taxes at the rate of \$1.40 per hundred,
amounting to \$14,217.12.

"Under the recently adopted system,
based upon the same assessment and at
a rate of 10 cents per hundred, levied
by State for schools for the year 1915,
and a city tax rate of \$1.65, which is
the same as the old rate, the people
of Richmond will pay to the State taxes
on real estate and tangible personal
property the sum of \$101,550, and to
the city taxes on the same subjects
amounting to \$16,557.02. On real
estate and tangible personal property
the State loses and the city gains about
\$254,000.

COMPARES OLD
WITH NEW SYSTEM
"Intangible personal property which
was taxed under the old system at a
rate of 25 cents per hundred for State

purposes and \$1.40 per hundred for city
purposes on an assessment of \$27-
178,676, yielded the State the sum of
\$56,125.36 and the city the sum of \$380-
501.44. Under the new system the
tax rate on intangibles is 65 cents per
hundred for State purposes and an
optional rate of 30 cents per hundred
for city purposes, based upon the old
assessment, intangibles will yield the
State under segregation the sum of
\$176,661.39, and the city the sum of
\$81,536.93. The State gains on intan-
gibles the sum of \$81,536, the city
loses \$259,565.41, but the individual
taxpayer benefits to the extent of \$27-
429.35.

"In the calculation of taxes on in-
tangibles the capital of merchants has
been omitted, as this is subject to local
taxation as heretofore.

"On the basis of the 1914 assessment
the people of the city of Richmond will
pay about \$172,000 less toward the sup-
port of the State government than they
have heretofore contributed on real es-
tate, tangible and intangible personal
property. Under the new system with
no increase in rates they would pay on
these subjects of taxation to both city
and State \$217,429.35 less than they

have done heretofore.

"The revenue of the city, based on
the same assessment on real estate and
tangible personal property and apply-
ing the optional rate of 30 cents per
hundred on intangibles has only been
reduced about \$46,000.

"In reference to intangibles, it should
be noted that more than one-half of the
intangible personal property taxed by
the State in the city of Richmond is
held by fiduciaries and trust estates.
The general average throughout Vir-
ginia is 40 per cent by fiduciaries and
trust estates. The Auditor of Virginia
calculates that the reduced rate on in-
tangibles will place upon the tax books
more than a half more than are now
taxed. If this calculation prevails then
it will easily be seen that the small
loss in the revenues of the city will be
and can be made up from this source.

"The widows and orphans in this
State interested in trust and fiduciary
funds have borne more than their share
of the burden of taxation under the old
system. The relief afforded these parties
under the new system ought not to bear
the odium of an increase in the city
tax rate. I do not believe such an in-
crease is necessary, but if necessary it
should be charged to the loss of the tax
on rolling stock and increased expense
of the city government instead of seg-
regation. Let the city government
economize.

Fair Project Indorsed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 27.—
The Williamsmssburg u n u n u n u
The Williamsmssburg Business Association
last night officially indorsed the plan of
holding a Peninsula Agricultural Fair
here next fall, and authorized its spe-
cial committee to act in perfecting an
organization. The fair association will
be incorporated and stock sold at \$2.50
a share to popularize the enterprise
among many people. The association
also authorized its special committee on
water and sewage to proceed with se-
curing names for a bond issue election
to be held here soon. Williamsmssburg
proposes to issue \$30,000 water and
sewerage bonds, if the question is ap-
proved by the voters.

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FIRST DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONVENTION IS CLOSED

Addresses of Interest to Educators
Made on Final Day—Fredericks-
burg Reads Its Tax Rate.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 27.—
The convention of the teachers of the
First Congressional District of Vir-
ginia which convened here on Thurs-
day night with morning, afternoon and
evening sessions since, adjourned to-
day after the morning program which
consisted of two excellent addresses.
One was delivered by Professor B. Y.
Tyner, of the faculty of the Fredericks-
burg State Normal School, who spoke on
the subject, "The Broader Significance
of Education." Professor Joe W. King-
born spoke on the subject "Poultry
Work in Rural Schools." These ad-
dresses were followed by an hour's
round table talks, in which many of the
teachers participated, giving expression
to their views on certain subjects. The
meeting was well attended, and was a
complete success. The steamer Commo-
dore Maury, which brought teachers up
on Thursday, returned to-day carrying
about 150 teachers back to their homes
along the Rappahannock Valley.

The City Council has adopted a new
license law for 1915 and fixed the city
tax rate to conform with the new tax
measures passed by the recent session
of the Legislature. One feature of the
tax and license bill adopted by the City
Council was the fixing of a license at
\$10,000 per annum on the sale of any
drinks of intoxicating nature, or con-
taining a sufficient quantity of alcohol
to require a license by the United States
government. This is intended to be pro-
hibitive.

Rev. Mr. Chinn, of Arizona, has de-

This year Easter
comes when flowers will
reach their full beauty.
We have them in pro-
fusion—beautiful flow-
ering plants of every
hue, the fairest and
freshest that grow. All
have been carefully
nurtured for the Easter
season. You can see
them at our flower shop, from
simple Spring Flowers to go-
geous Lilies, Roses and Azaleas.

In point of variety, extent and
sturdiness of stock, there are
few florists in the country who
will equal our Easter display.
Your order, whether it be for a
modest plant or an elaborate
basket arrangement, will receive
prompt and expert attention.

Telephone or mail your order
if you cannot come yourself; it
would be of advantage to you to
place your order as early as pos-
sible before Easter Sunday, April
4th.

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clined the call extended to him to take
charge of the Episcopal Churches in
King George County. A call has been
extended to Rev. Mr. Cruise, of West-
moreland County, which he has under
consideration.

W. D. Brame, a prominent farmer of
lower Orange County, was brought to
the Mary Washington Hospital here,
where he underwent an operation, from
which he is rapidly recovering.

Held for Grand Jury.

A. L. Davis, colored, was held by
Magistrate H. S. Sunday, of Henrico
County, yesterday for grand jury ac-
tion. He is charged with breaking into
the home of Mr. Hrussett, near Fort
Lee, and stealing a quantity of pro-
visions.

Married in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Spurr, of 3205
P Street, announce the marriage of
their daughter, Annie E., to Benjamin
F. Lewis, the ceremony having been
performed in Washington, D. C., on
Thursday.

Forgery Charges Continued.

The cases against H. L. Trobridge,
charged with forging the name of S.
A. Doughty to checks for \$35 and \$140
on the First National Bank, were con-
tinued until April 6 by Justice Griggs.

yesterday. The man was bailed in \$1,000
for his appearance in court on that date.

Jailed for Receiving Stolen Goods.
V. Cole was sent to jail for sixty
days by Magistrate H. S. Sunday, of
Henrico County, yesterday, charged
with receiving stolen goods.

FRECKLES

February and March Bring Out Un-
sightly Spots. How to Remove
Easily.

The woman with tender skin dreads
February and March because they are
likely to cover her face with ugly
freckles. No matter how thick her veil,
the sun and winds have a strong ten-
dency to make her freckle.

Fortunately for her peace of mind
the recent discovery of a new prescrip-
tion, othine—double strength, makes it
possible for even those most suscep-
tible to freckles to keep their skin
clear and white. No matter how stub-
born a case of freckles you have, the
double strength othine should remove
them.

Get an ounce from your druggist and
banish the freckles. Money back if it
fails.

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of the

Richmond Evening Journal

Will Be Published
Saturday, April 3rd
Commemorating the burning of Richmond
April 3rd, 1865—FIFTY YEARS AGO

"Risen from the Ashes"

This edition will contain a fac simile of the RICHMOND WHIG
of April 4, 1865, the only paper published in Richmond that day,
and this being the only copy of the WHIG of that date in existence.
Pictures of the story of Richmond then and now. Also fac simile
of the front page of the New York Times of April 4, 1865, showing
the Northern view of this event.

This edition will be sold by carriers at 1c as usual, and will be
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A City Official Tells Us In the Newspapers
of March 25th, That

Richmond Has Laid 26 Miles of Gas Mains Since 1900

This Is at the Rate of Less Than 2 Miles Per Year
This Additional Main Mileage Is an Addition of But 1½% a Year

At this rate, when will the developing WEST END be cared for? When will all the EASTERN END of the city be supplied with gas? What becomes of FOREST HILL and LABURNUM and the NORTHERN SUBURBS? And will the money available to give WOODLAND HEIGHTS a gas supply be used for that purpose, leaving all these others out? And if the city uses its available resources for piping all these sections, what becomes of the large outlay needed in order to make the present distribution system what it ought to be to give GOOD SERVICE?

We stand ready to pipe for gas, under terms of mutual agreement with the city, these various sections and suburbs, to put as speedily as possible the present distribution system in such condition as to give the CONSUMER the SERVICE that is his due (at the same time reducing gas within a year to 80 cents), and to submit to such regulatory conditions as to quality as the State Corporation Commission or the Second Public Service District of New York or the Bureau of Standards of the Government or any other recognized authority may prescribe.

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